

## ARMED SERVICES BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Report of Transactions and Proceedings of the Armed Services Board

of Contract Appeals for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 September 2009

This report is furnished under paragraph 9 of the Charter of the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, revised 14 May 2007. The statistics reflect the adjudication of appeals of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Corps of Engineers, Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Contract Management Agency, and other defense agencies. Also included are appeals of various agencies which have been adjudicated under inter-agency arrangements.

The following statistics cover the activities of the Board during the reporting period and the current reserve of pending matters:

A.	Appeals Docketed During FY 2009	404
B.	Appeals Disposed During FY 2009	444
C.	Appeals Pending	
	Number of Appeals Pending 1 October 2004	652
	Number of Appeals Pending 1 October 2005	644
	Number of Appeals Pending 1 October 2006	552
	Number of Appeals Pending 1 October 2007	637
	Number of Appeals Pending 1 October 2008	572
	Number of Appeals Pending 1 October 2009	532
	Net Decrease in Docket, FY 2009	40

## D. Source of Appeals Docketed FYs 2005-2009

	<u>FY 05</u>	<u>FY06</u>	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY 09</u>		
Army	76	92	148	80	113		
Navy	70	65	56	73	30		
Air Force	72	62	208	36	41		
Corps of Eng.	99	115	110	148	110		
DLA & DCMA	88	55	53	32	66		
Other Agencies	21	29	21	10	12		
Reinstated	_50	_20	_28	<u>23</u>			
TOTAL	476	438	624	402	$\frac{32}{404}$		
E. Appeals Disposed During FYs 2005-2009							
	<u>FY 05</u>	<u>FY 06</u>	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY 09</u>		
1. Origin of Appeals							
Army	94	88	100	117	74		
Navy	114	91	86	59	60		
Air Force	59	72	119	123	68		
Corps of Eng.	130	146	156	88	158		
DLA & DCMA	62	93	54	51	65		
Other Agencies	21	35	24	29	19		
Admin. Disposal	4	5	0	0	0		
TOTAL	484	530	539	467	444		
2. Rule 12 Proceedings	41	33	29	15	19		
3. Disposition							
Sustained	87	86	96	69	69		
Denied	63	51	38	41	34		
Dismissed	<u>334</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>341</u>		
TOTAL	484	530	539	467	444		
F. Status of Appeals Pending 1 October 2009							
Complaint Due		56					
Answer Due			40				
Discovery	covery 244						
To Be Set							
Hearing Set		81					
Transcript & Briefs Due			18				
Suspense			33				
Ready to Write			<u>38</u>				
TOTAL			532				

Of the Board's 532 active appeals, the Army has 186 (35.0%), the Navy has 78 (14.7%), the Air Force has 47 (8.8%), the Corps of Engineers has 144 (27.1%), DLA and DCMA have 59 (11.1%), and the remaining 18 appeals (3.4%) are from other sources. At the conclusion of FY 2009, there were 8 appeals being processed under Board Rule 12 (4 expedited and 4 accelerated), 10 applications under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 3 motions for reconsideration, and 3 court remands.

In FY 2009, the Board disposed of 103 appeals on the merits. Of those dispositions, 67.0% of the decisions found merit in whole or in part. The Board dismissed 341 appeals. In the majority of cases, a dismissal reflects that the parties have reached a settlement. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit docketed 13 appeals from Board decisions, and 10 appeals were pending at the close of the fiscal year. Of the 13 dispositions by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit involving appeals of ASBCA decisions: 5 were affirmed, 4 were dismissed, 1 was vacated and remanded, 2 were reversed and remanded, and 1 was reversed. During FY 09, the Board did not receive any requests from District Courts for an advisory opinion under the Cochran Amendment (41 U.S.C. § 609(f)).

During FY 2009, parties requested the Board's ADR services 21 times, covering 39 appeals and 2 undocketed disputes. Of the 21 requests, 2 were for binding ADR covering 3 appeals and 19 requests were for non-binding ADR covering 36 appeals and 2 undocketed disputes. Six of the requests received during the year were pending at the close of the fiscal year. Of the 25 requests subject to non-binding procedures concluded during the year, not limited to FY 2009 requests, 2 were withdrawn and 20 were successfully resolved.

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Chairman

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